

Do not let the Bell "Wolves" own the chicken coop you already allow them to dominate. Competition requires competitors to be alive. If the FCC lifts the dominant classification from the Local Exchange Carriers (Bells), it will limit competition to a duopoly consisting of a bell and a cable company. Competition in the American Telecom marketplace will not be incentivized, it will be torpedoed. ISPs and CLECs will die, consumers will be deprived of choice and the FCC will be wholly to blame for the travesty. DO NOT DO IT. Chairman Powell: Please do not sell out to BIG BUSINESS, at the expense of competition and the small businesses of our country.

The obvious should not have to be stated, but it appears that our leaders are not always observant of the reality. By re-classing the Bell operating companies as "non-dominant" would be an outright lie and a direct intention to ensure that we as the American people will have to pay more for less. Especially when we are already saddled with price gouging at the fuel pumps that is steadily increasing our cost of essential products (everything from medical products, to bread at the local market), a move of this type would demonstrate extreme dislike of middle America and god-like arrogance on the part of the politicians.